

East Bay. Over the years, José has served the residents of the 9th Congressional District in a number of different roles, and his professional expertise is supplemented by his deep commitment to building and maintaining the spirit of community.

José came to the Spanish Speaking Citizens' Foundation in 1985. Under his leadership, the SSCF evolved into an organization that facilitates inclusiveness by reducing barriers to economic opportunity, healthcare and education for Latinos in our community. José broadened the scope and vision of the SSCF to empower the individual and the community to improve the quality of life, while enriching the cultural heritage of Latinos. By working with other agencies, he has not only expanded the SSCF's network of contacts, but also worked to further the organization's services. José's leadership has been crucial here in Oakland, and has made education, social services and healthcare vastly more available and accessible to all members of our community.

In addition to his stellar work leading the SSCF, José has been and continues to be heavily involved in a number of other boards and organizations here in the Bay Area and elsewhere. He has served the community through his involvement with organizations such as the Oakland Community Organizations (OCO); Educational Coalition of Hispanic Organizations (ECHO); Latinos for Affirmative Action; and the Spanish Speaking Unity Council.

Furthermore, José has been recognized for his exceptional service with numerous awards, such as the Marcus Foster Alumni Award; a Personnel Administration Certificate from California State University, East Bay; and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Professional Community Service Award.

Today the friends, family and colleagues of José Arredondo have come together to celebrate not only his retirement, but also his legacy of service and his permanent and positive impact on our community. On this very special day, I join all of them in thanking and saluting José for his profound contributions to California's 9th Congressional District, our country and our world.

#### HONORING JEREMY RABINOVITZ

#### HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2007*

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of my California district staff. They would like to honor Jeremy Rabinovitz as he prepares to go to the "dark side."

For the past 10 years Jeremy has led a variety of personalities with a variety of interests. He was able to take a group of passionate, idealistic former volunteers from a Congressional campaign, who in 1996 did what seemed like the impossible, won a Democratic seat in a district that had been held by a Republican for almost 50 years, and turned them into a functioning Congressional district staff.

Not all of the district staff has had the pleasure to be entertained by his top "10 things that a chief of staff doesn't want to hear from his Member of Congress." Not all of the district staff has had the opportunity to experience

one of his occasional visits to the district. Nor has the district staff had the opportunity, during the Special Election, to be serenaded at 5 a.m. on Election Day by his rendition of "Sunrise, Sunset." Neither have very many staff experienced the sight of Jeremy walking a predominately Spanish speaking precinct with a 3 x 5 card that said, "A votado hoy?"

Not only did JR lead a variety of personalities, he was quite adept at impersonating a lot of leaders—religious leaders. He had an uncanny ability to invoke the Lutheran minister, the African American preacher and the Jewish rabbi. Had he stayed around a few more years, he no doubt would have mastered the Muslim imam, or become an enlightened Buddhist. Jeremy has indeed enlightened us in many ways.

There are far too many comments that staff wanted to include in this honorable document. The one sentiment, not to be confused with sediment, both of which this district has much of, was that every district staff member appreciated the confidence he had in them.

Madam Speaker, the time has come for all of us, the Capps Family of the past and present, to send our good wishes and our indescribable affection, for this remarkable man who was our "Chief of Staff." Shalom and mazel tov!

#### CELEBRATING THE NATURALIZATION OF BERENDINA R.H. (DIET) EMAN

#### HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2007*

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Ms. Berendina R.H. (Diet) Eman, who this morning became one of the newest citizens of our United States of America.

Ms. Eman is a native of The Netherlands, but has been a lawful, permanent resident of the United States in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for more than 4 decades. Ms. Eman deserves special recognition because during World War II, she was a member of the Dutch Underground Resistance to the Nazi occupiers of The Netherlands. As a young woman, Diet bravely and courageously saved the lives of countless Jewish Dutch citizens, helped numerous Allied soldiers escape from Axis forces and ultimately was imprisoned in the Vught concentration camp for her activities.

For these many acts of bravery, Ms. Eman was recognized immediately after the war by Gen. Dwight David Eisenhower, then the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe. She received a certificate signed by General Eisenhower expressing "the gratitude and appreciation of the American people for gallant service in assisting the escape of Allied soldiers from the enemy."

Years later, Diet was recognized by the Government of The Netherlands for her acts and also received a letter of commendation from President Ronald Reagan in 1982. In that letter, President Reagan noted that she "helped write one of the great chapters in the annals of bravery," adding, "In risking your safety to adhere to a higher law of decency and morality, you have set a high and fearless standard for all those who oppose totalitarianism."

She is now nearly 87 years old, and I am humbled by her excitement to become a U.S. Citizen after first coming to our country on December 31, 1960. This morning at 10 a.m., she was sworn in as a citizen by the Hon. Robert Holmes Bell in a private oath ceremony in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Although I was unable to attend the ceremony due to our duties here in Washington, I hope the members of this House of Representatives will join me in thanking Ms. Eman for her incredible acts of bravery and congratulating her upon becoming a citizen of our country.

#### HONORING CHET AND SYLVIA MORGAN

#### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2007*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Chet and Sylvia Morgan, of Vernon, Connecticut. The Morgans recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the Rockville Elks Carriage House in Rockville, Connecticut.

On January 26th, 1957, Chet and Sylvia married at St. Bridget Church in Manchester, Connecticut. Fifty years later, Chet and Sylvia are still happily married, recently renewing their wedding vows at St. Joseph Church in Rockville.

Chet and Sylvia are the proud parents of three, grandparents of eight, and great-grandparents of four. One of their grandsons, Kody, is a Connecticut National Guardsman currently serving in Iraq. I know that Chet and Sylvia are especially proud of his service to our country.

On behalf of my hometown of Vernon and Connecticut's Second Congressional District, I congratulate the Morgans and wish them all the best in the years to come.

#### VIOLA DELEON MUNOZ

#### HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2007*

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, it is with deep affection that I tribute to the life of Viola DeLeon Munoz, long time San Bernardino community political leader and dear friend, better known by those who loved her as Vi.

Vi passed away in her Yucaipa home amongst the comfort of her family at the age of 75 on February 6, 2007.

She was born on June 22, 1931 in Houston, Texas, but called the Inland Empire home for most of her life.

Vi was a dedicated public servant. She devoted herself to advancing her community, fighting injustice, and engaging herself politically by supporting Democratic and Latino candidates.

I still remember meeting with her, the day her and her husband Jess developed the Latino Chicano Democratic Club.

Vi's involvement with Democratic clubs, voter registration and her passion for improving the lives of Latinos in the Inland Empire are just a few areas in which she inspired those of us who know her.

Vi was also a business woman and financier for 37 years. The business that she and Jess owned earned her the recognition as one of the most successful business partners in the area and was the catalyst for Vi's commitment to the betterment of her community. It also served as the central point within the community, where many local leaders discussed political, economic, and social issues.

Some of her many accomplishments include: President and member of the 65th Assembly District committee, vice-chairwoman of the party's Chicano-Latino Caucus, and member of the San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee since 1996.

Vi was also the founding member of the Yucaipa Democratic Club, the Comision Femenil Mexicana Nacional, and the Chicana Service Action Center.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Jesus (Jess) Munoz, Sr., sons Jesus Munoz, Jr., and Kenneth Munoz, daughter Beverly Munoz, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Vi has left behind a wonderful legacy of community and political activism. The many relatives and friends who loved her dearly, know that she will be missed. Vi touched us all with her kind deeds and leadership in our community.

My wife Barbara, my family and I extend our deepest condolences to Vi's family. May God bestow his comfort upon them at this time.

#### RECOGNIZING THE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS FROM OREGON'S 3RD DISTRICT

##### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2007*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, President Kennedy, speaking 46 years ago at the establishment of the Peace Corps, remarked that, "The initial reactions to the Peace Corps proposal are convincing proof that we have, in this country, an immense reservoir of such men and women—anxious to sacrifice their energies and time and toil to the cause of world peace and human progress." What was true in 1961 is true today; Peace Corps Volunteers are an outstanding group of men and women serving the cause of humanity across the globe.

During this National Peace Corps Week, I want to honor the service and commitment of the Peace Corps Volunteers from Oregon's 3rd Congressional district and express my pride in my fellow Oregonians who have chosen to devote years of their lives in service to others.

In particular, I want to recognize those Peace Corps Volunteers who have begun their service in the past year: Annie Crater (Honduras), Michelle Gerdes (Tanzania), Benjamin Grace (Niger), Eli Mechanic (Morocco), James Murphy (Mali), Nicole Probst (Malawi), Radhika Reddy (Burkina Faso), Michael Thoresz (Belize), and Lauren Towery (Romania).

Their work to empower people and communities in developing countries is an invaluable contribution to creating a safe and prosperous world, building bridges between America and the world, and establishing a better future for people everywhere.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

##### HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2007*

Mr. SAXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Harry H. O'Claire Chapter #637 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Chartered in 1957 and located in Lakewood, New Jersey, Chapter #637 has maintained an abiding commitment to developing, promoting and implementing policies and programs to enrich the quality of life in its community. Its mission and focus has remained constant, and its efforts to protect and improve the retirement benefits of federal retirees, employees and their families have remained strong.

Throughout my time in Congress, it has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with Chapter #637, and in particular, my good friend, Frank Spatola, the current Legislative Chair. Over the years, we have worked together on behalf of seniors and retirees in Ocean County, New Jersey, on a variety of issues—including health care, Social Security, and other issues of importance to this community.

I congratulate the Harry H. O'Claire Chapter of NARFE on its 50th anniversary, and salute its exemplary history as an organization of concerned, responsible and involved citizens. I wish my friends at Chapter #637 many more years of success.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DEANNE STONE

##### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2007*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay great honor to Mrs. Deanne C. Stone, who passed away on January 28th after a year long struggle with cancer. Born in Hartford, Connecticut and eventually residing in the state of Massachusetts, Mrs. Stone leaves behind a great legacy through her leadership roles and tireless volunteer work in many distinguished organizations, as well as through her friends and family who loved her dearly.

Born to the late Janet and Yale Cohn, Mrs. Stone demonstrated a passion for success at a young age. As Mrs. Stone's sister Barbara Gordon recalls, she was actively involved in her years as a young woman at Weaver High School, working on the school newspaper and eventually graduating as valedictorian of her class in 1957. She went on to graduate with degrees from Brandeis University and Leslie College. Dedicating her life to helping others, Mrs. Stone served in numerous leadership roles for many different organizations, ranging from The Foundation for Children's Books to local Brownie and Cub Scout troops, and an elementary school PTA president.

Known widely throughout the Jewish communities, Deanne Stone worked tirelessly with numerous organizations closely connected

with her faith. She was the Executive Director at Maimonides School and Temple Israel of Boston. She became the founding president of the Women's Division of the Greater Framingham Jewish Federation, and served with her husband, Harvey, as the co-editor of the Jewish Reporter.

Her passion for working within the Jewish community was acknowledged by receiving the honor of being named the national chair for the National Women's Department of the Council of Jewish Federations. Her faith and diligence was also recognized through an invitation to the White House to celebrate the signing of a historic peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the life of Mrs. Deanne C. Stone. Her tireless dedication to the local and Jewish community has touched and inspired those who knew Mrs. Stone, and will continue to resonate through her achievements. My thoughts and prayers are with her friends and family, especially her husband Harvey, and the families of her children Matthew and Allison, and sister Barbara. The Hartford community is thankful for having the honor of knowing Mrs. Deanne Stone.

#### HONORING CAPTAIN HARRY W. ORLADY'S CAREER AS A PIONEER IN AVIATION SAFETY HUMAN FACTORS

##### HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2007*

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a true pioneer in aviation safety and human factors, on his distinguished career of service to the safety of world-wide aviation. Captain Harry W. Orlady passed away peacefully in his sleep on February 7, 2007 at age 86. A memorial service and reception will be held on Friday, March 2, 2007 in Los Gatos, California.

Captain Harry Orlady was a pioneer in the area of aero medical research and aviation human factors. He had a lifelong passion to improve aviation safety in order to, in his words, "make the system better for people who use it." He wrote and delivered more than 100 papers and presentations, conducted studies on medical disabilities, pilot incapacitation, and flight crew complement. He was the originator and principal developer of United Airlines' Flight Safety Awareness Program, the first formalized and effective non-punitive incident reporting system, which was the model for the NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System. Captain Orlady initiated work on pilot incapacitation research at United, and he was the originator of the "two communication rule" that has been a mandatory procedure for years at most of the world's airlines.

Harry Orlady initiated "human factors" research and practices before the importance of those concepts was understood and widely accepted in the aviation industry. Prior to that time, the aviation community was apt to label most accidents as "pilot error" and simply move on without understanding how the system and the equipment contributed to these errors, which were the primary cause of aircraft accidents.